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Initial Proposal Doney Gal Timber Sale May 30, 2023

The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC), Clearwater Unit is proposing to harvest timber on the following state-owned parcel:

Section 16 of T15N R11W

The Doney Gal Timber Sale is being proposed near Doney Lake in the Spring Creek drainage. It is located approximately 6 air miles east-northeast of the town of Ovando, Montana in Powell County.

Objectives of the proposed project include generating revenue for the Common Schools trust, improving forest stand health and vigor, reducing fuel load in overstocked stands, and improving forest road infrastructure for future management.

The proposed harvest would take place under a single timber sale. The project would remove an estimated 3 million board feet from 640 acres. Silvicultural prescriptions would likely include commercial thin, shelterwood, individual tree selection and old growth maintenance. The proposed harvest is in accordance with State Statute 77-1-202 and would contribute to the DNRC's sustained yield as mandated by state statute 77-5-222. The timber sale would likely be implemented in 2024 and completed by 2027.

Road maintenance and improvements would be implemented on approximately 9 miles of existing road to improve function and drainage of the haul route. New permanent road construction of approximately 0.4 miles and some short, temporary spur roads may be necessary to access proposed harvest units.

Noxious weed management, property-line surveys, pre-commercial thinning, additional timber permits, prescribed pile burning and tree planting may also occur under the proposed action.

The DNRC is in the scoping phase of the project environmental assessment so all volumes, acreages and road distances are preliminary estimates. In preparation for this project, specialists such as wildlife biologists, hydrologists, soil scientists, and archeologists will be consulted.

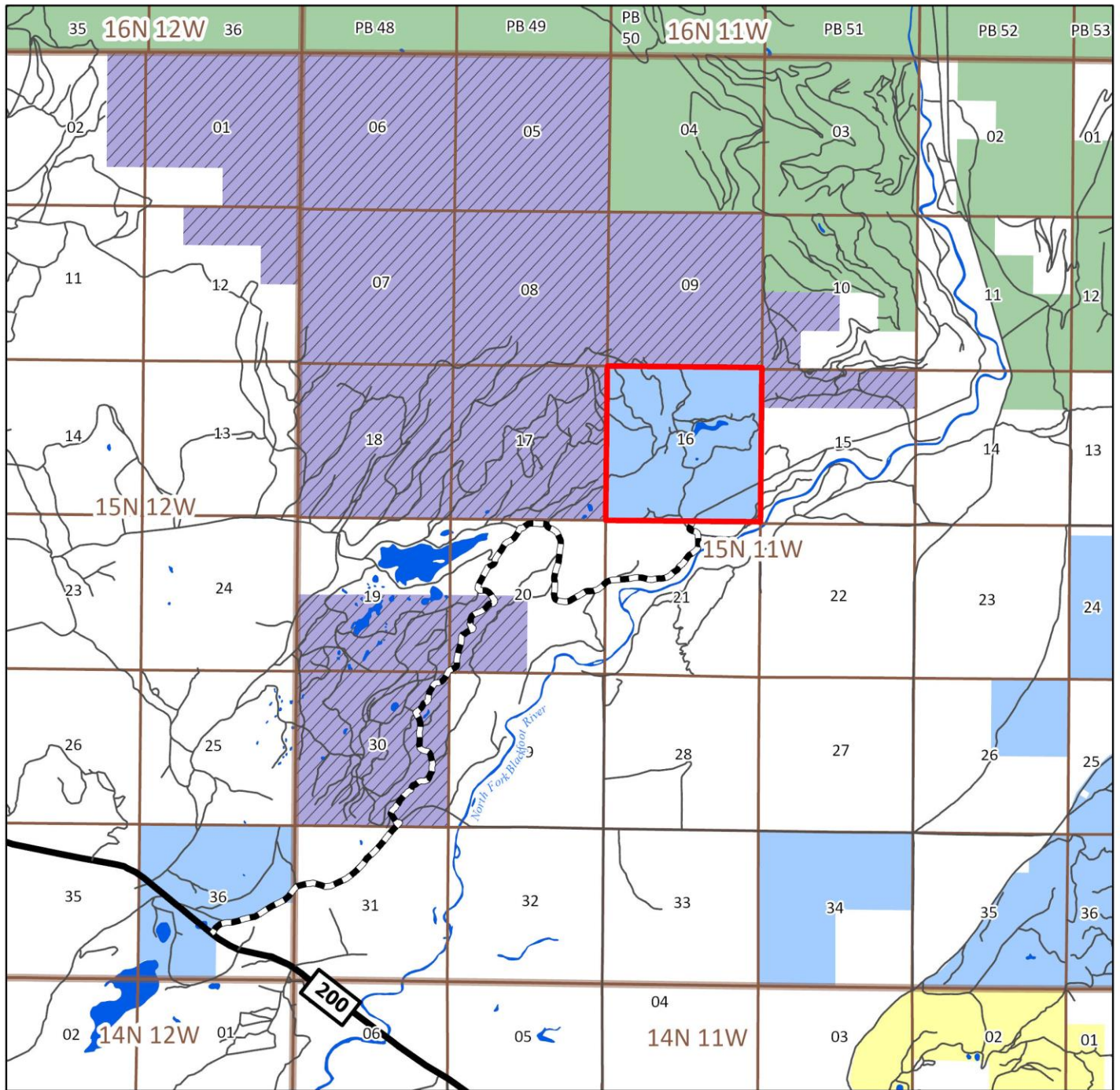
The Montana DNRC invites written comments and suggestions concerning this proposal. **Please respond by June 30, 2023** to:

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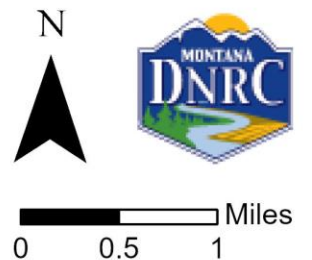
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Doney Gal Project Area

Section 16 T15N R11W



- Proposed Haul Route
- Doney Gal Project Area
- DNRC Trust Lands
- Highway
- Blackfoot-Clearwater WMA
- Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks
- Other Roads
- PLSS Township
- US Bureau of Land Management
- Water Bodies
- PLSS First Division
- US Forest Service



State Trust Land Vicinity Map Clearwater Unit

DONEY GAL VICINITY MAP

- Towns
- County Lines
- Major Roads
- Water Bodies
- Rivers
- State Trust land



Project Name: *Doney Gal Timber Sale*
Project Location: *6¼ miles east-northeast of Ovando*
Section: 16 Township: 15N Range: 11W
County: *Powell*

